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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 41.37(c)

This communication is responsive to the Appeal Brief filed 20 August 2003. Appellant is referred to the Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, Final Rule, effective 13 September 2004 and published at 69 Fed. Reg. 49959; 1286 OG 21 (07 September 2004).

The brief does not contain the items of the brief required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1) under the appropriate headings and/or in the order indicated. The items and appropriate headings, in order, are: (i) Real party in interest, (ii) Related appeals and interferences, (iii) Status of claims, (iv) Status of amendments, (v) Summary of the claimed subject matter, (vi) Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal, (vii) Argument, (viii) Claims appendix, (ix) Evidence appendix, (x) Related proceedings appendix.

The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi). Appellant has identified an <u>issue</u> arising during the prosecution of the application, but has not given a concise statement of each <u>ground of rejection</u> presented for review (i.e., "Claims 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (US 6,033,491 A) in view of Awschalom et al. (US 6,307,241 A).")

The examiner also notes that: (i) the heading GROUPING OF THE CLAIMS is extraneous under the new rules (see above); and (ii) The appendix of claims on appeal should properly be labeled CLAIMS APPENDIX under the new rules (see above).

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c). To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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